

REMARKS

Claims 22 - 42 have been rejected for various reasons under §§ 103 and 112. Claims 22 - 40 have been cancelled and new claims are submitted herewith corresponding to these now cancelled claims. Applicants believe claims 41 and 42 define patentable subject matter and present arguments here to establish that these claims should be allowed.

§ 112 Rejection

Claim 37, rejected for mixing classes under § 112 has been cancelled. New claim 58, corresponding roughly to now cancelled claim 37, no longer recites a method of production.

§ 103 Rejection

Claims 22 - 27, 29 - 35 and 41 - 42 have been rejected under § 103 based on Baltzer et al ("Baltzer"; U.S. 5,967,336). These claims have been canceled. New independent claim 43 presented here recites that the non-flat areas of screening material are rippled (see, e.g., text of the Specification at page 6, line 16).

Baltzer '336 has no teaching or suggestion regarding rippled non-flat areas of screening material and no mention of or recognition of this problem addressed by the present invention. Baltzer deals solely with a frame with a planar surface on which is placed a flat plate. Flat layers of screening material are placed on the flat plate.

Claims 41, 42

Claims 41 and 42 (submitted here unamended) require use with a deck of a vibratory separator which has "an upstanding member" which projects into a corresponding notch on a screen assembly placed on the deck.

The Office Action, bottom of Page 5 (and § 4, Page 7), refers to the "clip (22)"